

**Office of the State Board of Education  
Scholarships and Grants  
2009-2013 Strategic Plan**

**Mission Statement**

The State Board of Education provides administrative oversight for a variety of programs designed to assist Idaho students who are pursuing postsecondary education. These programs include a range of scholarships, grants and work-study opportunities and reflect the Board of Education and the Legislature's belief that substantial economic and social benefits accrue to the state if deserving students have the option and, were possible, financial assistance in gaining a good education. Listed below are programs currently administered for the Board by the Office for the Board:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Robert R Lee Promise A	Scholarship	State
Robert R Lee Promise B	Scholarship	State
Atwell Parry	Work Study Program	State
Minority "At Risk"	Scholarship	State
Teachers/Nurses	Loan Forgiveness	State
Freedom	POW/MIA Scholarship (Fee Waiver)	State
Public Safety Officer	Scholarship (Fee Waiver)	State
Grow Your Own Teacher	Scholarship	State
Leveraging Educational Assistance	Scholarship	State/Federal
Byrd Honors	Scholarship	Federal

**Goal I**

Increase access to postsecondary education and improve the continuation rate for Idaho high school graduates by helping students pay for educational costs.

**Objective 1**

Administer all assigned programs in a manner that ensures maximum effective use of state and federal resources.

**Performance Measure**

Percentage of all secondary completers continuing to postsecondary education

Percentage of eligible applicants served by each program.

**Benchmark**

Fifty percent of all secondary completers continue to postsecondary education within 3 years of high school graduation.

One hundred percent of eligible applicants receive timely processing of their applications.

**Objective 2**

Establish a new need/merit based scholarship program designed to encourage and assist well qualified students from low income families to attend postsecondary education.

**Performance Measure**

Enabling legislative proposal processed through DFM to the  
Legislature

**Benchmark**

Program reviewed and supported by executive/legislative  
leadership

**Objective 3**

Increase the number and percentage of Idaho minority and English as second language (ESL) students who pursue postsecondary education.

**Performance Measure**

Percentage of minority student secondary completers that continue to postsecondary education.

**Benchmark**

Thirty five percent of minority student secondary completers continue to postsecondary education.

**Objective 4**

Increase the number of scholarship available to Idaho's best and brightest students to attend an Idaho educational institution.

**Performance Measure**

Number and percentage of highly qualified applicants (3.5+ GPA and 28+ ACT equivalent score) receiving Promise A scholarships

**Benchmark**

Fifty percent of highly qualified applicants are selected for Promise A scholarships.

**Key External Factors Beyond Agency Control**

- Scholarship, grant and work study are funded by state and federal appropriations. Continuation, expansion or creation of new programs depends on the continued support from the Governor and legislators.
- The funding available for some programs is not adequate to cover all applicants who meet minimum qualifications and therefore some well qualified applicants may not be selected for program support.
- The lack of a statewide longitudinal data system with unique student identifiers may limit the data collection efforts necessary to compile the performance measures.